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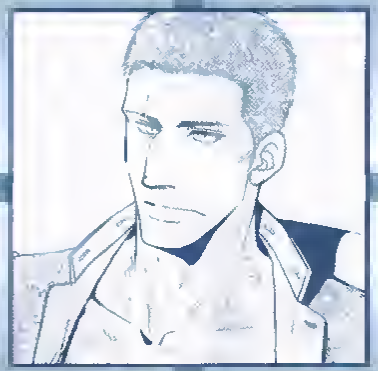

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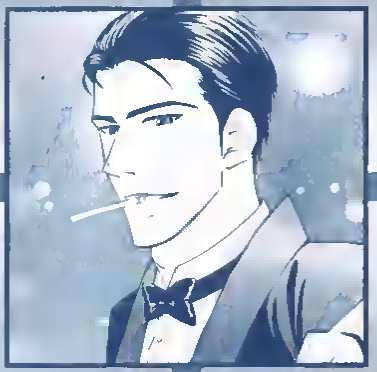

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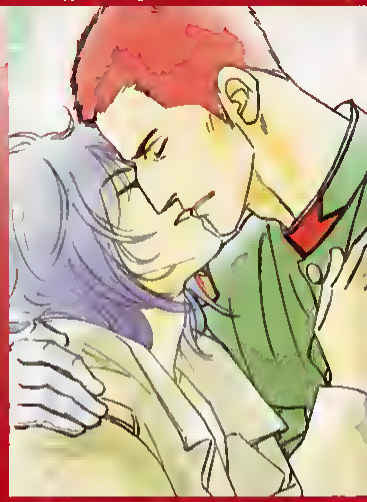

SHINSHOKAN

Taisho era, Asakusa Suou and his younger brothers have opened a man's shop, but they're encountering management difficulties. In order to bring in funds, Chouji decided to sell his body to Iwago, a bodyguard in the red light district. Suou will try to take his pla... but Meanwhile, their ... trip down memory ... Second ...

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ITS FOUNDERS WERE THE ELDEST AND THE SECOND SON OF THE ISHIKAWA FAMILY, ISHIKAWA SUJOU AND ISHIKAWA CHOUJI.
A SHOP ASPIRING TO SELL FLASHY KIMONO THAT COULD BE MISTAKEN FOR WOMEN'S CLOTHING TO MEN APPEARED
THE ERA IS THE TAISHO*, THE PLACE IS ASAKUSA.
See notes
HOWEVER, TO THEIR SURPRISE THEY WEREN'T SELLING AS MUCH AS THEY HAD EXPECTED.
IN A BIND, THE TWO BROTHERS HAD TO SLEEP WITH MEN IN ORDER TO RAISE MONEY, WHILE KEEPING IT A SECRET FROM EACH OTHER.
THE YOUNGER BROTHER'S PARTNER WAS BLACK DEMON" IWAGO, THE BODYGUARD OF SANKIROU IN YOSHIWARA.
THE OLDER BROTHER'S PARTNER WAS A PAST LOVER.
IT WAS THEN THAT THE "RED DEMON" SECOND LIEUTENANT GODDOU, A STRAIGHT LACED MAN THAT SUJOU HELD DEAR, BARGED IN AT THE PLACE WHERE SUJOU'S LIAISON WAS TAKING PLACE AND TOOK HIM AWAY
SUJOU DEMANDED A KISS FROM THE SECOND LIEUTENANT AS AN APOLOGY FOR THE FEE THAT HE LOST. AND THEN--?

Kiss
Kiss
Kiss
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HUFF...
WOB
WHOA THERE!
UWAA!
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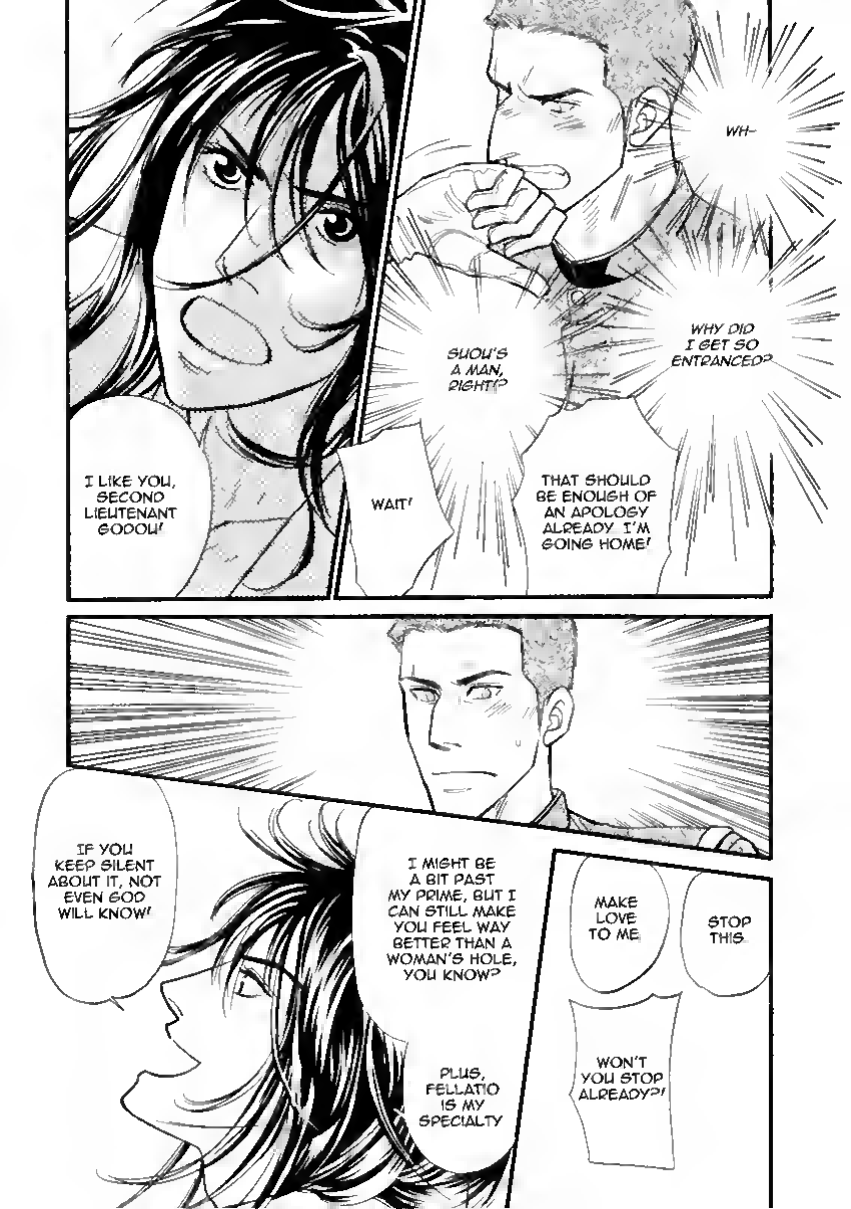
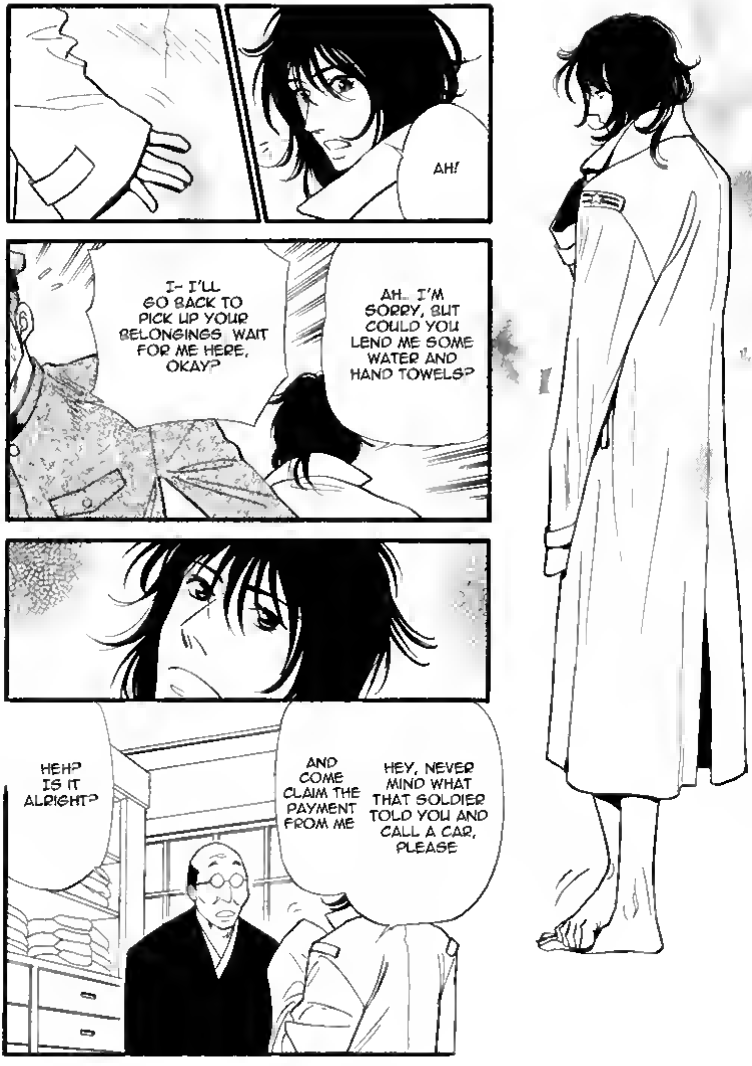

I LIKE YOU, SECOND LIEUTENANT GODOU!
WAIT!
SHOU'S A MAN, RIGHT!?
THAT SHOULD BE ENOUGH OF AN APOLOGY ALREADY I'M GOING HOME!
WH-
WHY DID I GET SO ENTRANCED?
IF YOU KEEP SILENT ABOUT IT, NOT EVEN GOD WILL KNOW!
I MIGHT BE A BIT PAST MY PRIME, BUT I CAN STILL MAKE YOU FEEL WAY BETTER THAN A WOMAN'S HOLE, YOU KNOW?
PLUS, FELLATIO IS MY SPECIALTY
MAKE LOVE TO ME
STOP THIS
WON'T YOU STOP ALREADY?!

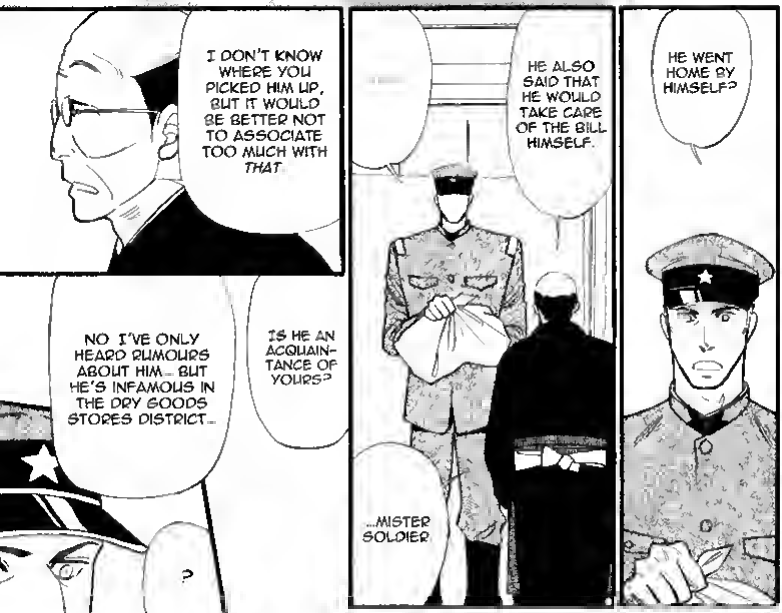
SO STOP SEDUCING PEOPLE!
WHEN I RETIRE IN TWO YEARS, I INTEND TO GO TO BRITAIN AND BECOME A PRIEST.
AS I TOLD YOU EARLIER, SODOMY IS PROHIBITED, AND I'M NOT INTERESTED IN THE FIRST PLACE!
DO NOT BLASPHEME GOD!!
REALLY?
I'M SORRY ABOUT THAT
CLOP
CLOP
REALLY!

Praying wholeheartedly
GOD, PLEASE FORGIVE ME
I HAVE TO BE MORE WARY OF THIS GUY...
WHY DID I GO ALONG WITH THAT DEMAND FOR A KISS ? NO MATTER HOW MUCH HE LOOKS LIKE HIS MOTHER
CLOP

WHAT HAPPENED?
THE "RED DEMON" FROM THE ARMY? MY, WHAT AN UNUSUAL CUSTOMER
HE WAS ATTACKED BY HOODLUMS PLEASE UNDERSTAND
*see notes
店服呉セナヤ
GIVE HIM A FULL SET OF CLOTHES, PLEASE EVERYTHING, FROM A LOINCLOTH TO A HAORI AS WELL AS TABI AND ZOURI"


AH!
AH... I'M SORRY, BUT COULD YOU LEND ME SOME WATER AND HAND TOWELS?
I- I'LL GO BACK TO PICK UP YOUR BELONGINGS. WAIT FOR ME HERE, OKAY?
HEY, NEVER MIND WHAT THAT SOLDIER TOLD YOU AND CALL A CAR, PLEASE
AND COME CLAIM THE PAYMENT FROM ME
HEH? IS IT ALRIGHT?

I'M FROM "SUOH", A MEN'S ONLY DRY GOODS STORE IN ASAKUSA'S SIXTH DISTRICT.
HAVEN'T YOU HEARD OF IT?


I DON'T KNOW WHERE YOU PICKED HIM UP, BUT IT WOULD BE BETTER NOT TO ASSOCIATE TOO MUCH WITH THAT.
IS HE AN ACQUAINTANCE OF YOURS?
NO. I'VE ONLY HEARD RUMOURS ABOUT HIM... BUT HE'S INFAMOUS IN THE DRY GOODS STORES DISTRICT...
?
...
HE ALSO SAID THAT HE WOULD TAKE CARE OF THE BILL HIMSELF.
...MISTER SOLDIER
HE WENT HOME BY HIMSELF?

RATTLE RATTLE
THIS PERSON'S NAME IS YAGUCHI SUOU
ISN'T IT ISHIKAWA?
NO, I HEARD HIS ADOPTION BY THE OWNERS OF "TOKIWAYA" WAS RENOUNCED
TOKIWAYA IS A LARGE STORE AT NIHONBASHI, AND HE WAS THE ELDEST SON OF THAT PLACE'S OWNER. BUT THEN,
I HEARD THAT HE STOLE THE HUSBAND OF HIS OLDER SISTER AND CAUSED AN UPROAR WITH A LOVERS' SUICIDE
HE'S A TERRIBLE MAN-EATING PLAGUE, AND EVEN IN HIS CHILDHOOD,
HE LED A THEN INFLUENTIAL DYER* TO HIS RUIN. EVER SINCE THEN, HE'S BEEN CALLED "TOKIWAFUGU*" AND "SUOU OF THE HIDDEN PLUME".
IT IS SAID HE HAS AN OSHIROIBORI* TATTOO OF A PHOENIX'S PLUME ON THE INSIDE OF HIS THIGH

*see notes

※ Dyer- A kimono creator or general producer

OSHIROI-BORI...
I DON'T KNOW HOW TRUE THIS IS, BUT IT IS ALSO SAID THAT HE MIGHT HAVE LAID HIS HANDS ON HIS YOUNGER BROTHER...
A sick person is resting. Please be quiet. If you have some business, please go round to the back door
HM?
WAIT A MOMENT, PLEASE

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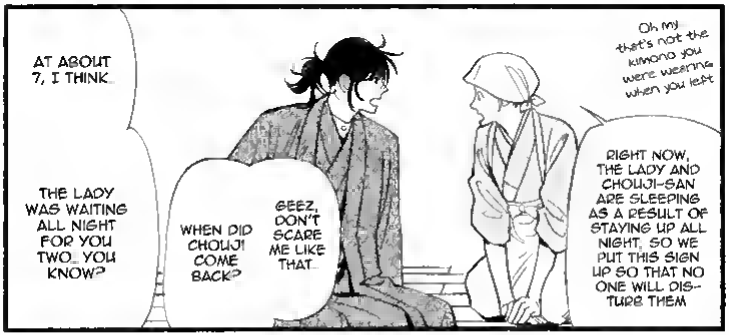
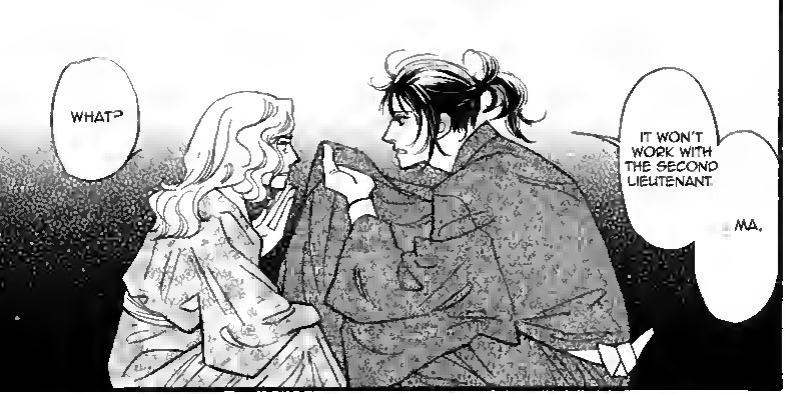
WHO'S SICK, KAYO-CHAN!?
AH, SHOU-SAN! WELCOME BACK
THAT'S JUST SOME-THING WE CAME UP WITH

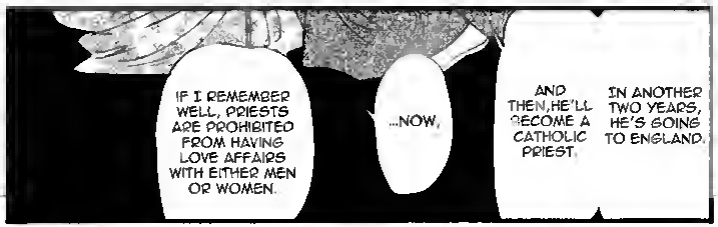

Oh my that's not the kimono you were wearing when you left
RIGHT NOW, THE LADY AND CHOUJI-SAN ARE SLEEPING AS A RESULT OF STAYING UP ALL NIGHT, SO WE PUT THIS SIGN UP SO THAT NO ONE WILL DIS-TURB THEM
GEEZ, DON'T SCARE ME LIKE THAT...
WHEN DID CHOUJI COME BACK?
THE LADY WAS WAITING ALL NIGHT FOR YOU TWO... YOU KNOW?
AT ABOUT 7, I THINK...

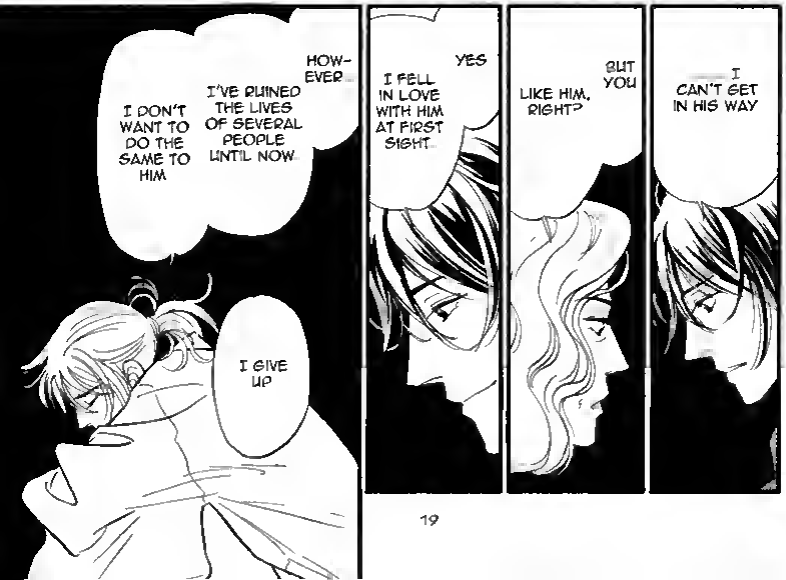
I'M SORRY FOR THAT...
AH, RIGHT, GIVE ME SOME MONEY PLEASE FOR THE CAR FARE
HSS

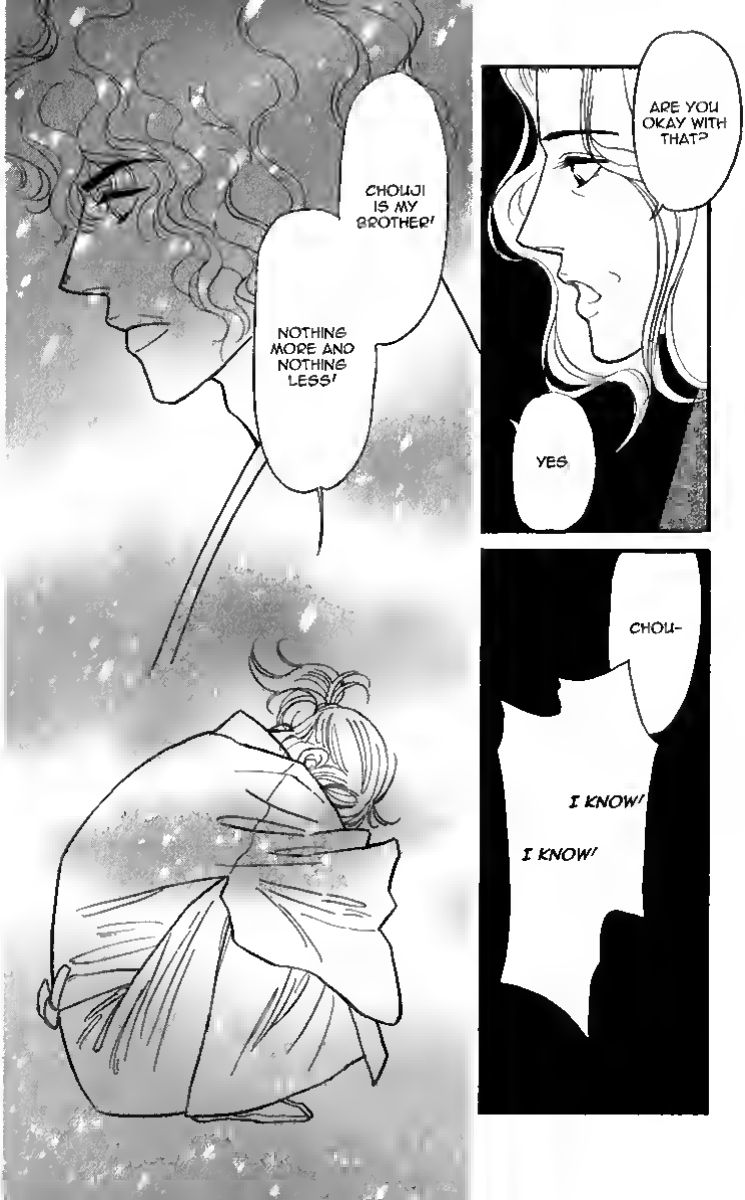
CHOUJI...
SLAP

drag drag
WHAT THE HELL DID YOU JUST TRY TO DO?
MA
WHERE'S THE SECOND LIEUTENANT? HE CAME TO PICK YOU UP, DION'T HE?
DON'T DO UNNECESSARY THINGS. I COULD HAVE LIVED WITHOUT THAT EMBARRASSMENT
WHAT?
mumble
whisper
mumble
whisper
HE SAW ME NAKED AND TIED UP BY OLD MAN FUJIISAWA
I WAS CARRIED AWAY STARK NAKED BY THE SECOND LIEUTENANT
I THINK HE WILL SEND THEM HERE LATER
I SHOULD GIVE HIM BACK HIS COAT TOO
HUH WHAT HAPPENED TO THE CLOTHES YOU WERE WEARING WHEN YOU LEFT?
...THE STRAP OF MY SANDAL SNAPPED. SO I COULDN'T HELP BUT WORRY
Oops~


WHAT?
IT WON'T WORK WITH THE SECOND LIEUTENANT.
...MA.


IF I REMEMBER WELL, PRIESTS ARE PROHIBITED FROM HAVING LOVE AFFAIRS WITH EITHER MEN OR WOMEN.
...NOW,
AND THEN, HE'LL BECOME A CATHOLIC PRIEST.
IN ANOTHER TWO YEARS, HE'S GOING TO ENGLAND.


HOW-EVER...
I'VE RUINED THE LIVES OF SEVERAL PEOPLE UNTIL NOW.
I DON'T WANT TO DO THE SAME TO HIM
I GIVE UP
YES
I FELL IN LOVE WITH HIM AT FIRST SIGHT.
BUT YOU
LIKE HIM, RIGHT?
I CAN'T GET IN HIS WAY


ARE YOU OKAY WITH THAT?
YES
CHOUJI IS MY BROTHER!
NOTHING MORE AND NOTHING LESS!
CHOU-
I KNOW!
I KNOW!

WELL, IT'S FINE AS LONG AS YOU UNDERSTAND THAT.
I WAS THINKING I WOULD FINALLY BE ABLE TO TEAR THIS IDIOT AWAY FROM CHOUJI. BUT I HAVE TO START AGAIN FROM SQUARE ONE?
I SEE.
I MADE A MISCALCULATION WITH THAT MAN
I'LL BE DAMNED BEFORE I LOSE TO TOKIWAYA
HOW DID THINGS GO ON CHOUJI'S SIDE? DID HE FIND ANY TEMPORARY FUNDS?
BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, I HAVE TO DO SOMETHING FOR OUR SHOP THAT'S GOING DOWN-HILL
I'LL LOOK FOR THE NEXT GUY
BUT BEFORE THAT, YOU HAVEN'T SLEPT MUCH EITHER, HAVE YOU? LIE DOWN FOR A BIT MORE WITH US
WHY DON'T YOU ASK CHOUJI HIMSELF WHEN HE WAKES UP?

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zzz
I'M JUST AN ILLEGITIMATE CHILD AFTER ALL.
Even though I'm the third son
THE LADY WILL HIT YOU IF YOU SAY SUCH THINGS.
Since the adoptive relationship with the Yasuchi family has been disrupted already
AI-SAN, PLEASE EAT YOUR FOOD ALREADY IT WILL GET COLD
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h
And the laundry's done
SIGH, I CAN'T EVEN CLEAN UP UNTIL EVERYONE WAKES UP
AND I NEED CHOUJI-SAN TO CHECK THE FREIGHT I PREPARED ONCE MORE
slide
EXCUSE ME, THIS IS SODOU, I BROUGHT SUOU'S CLOTHES

OH MISTER SOLDIER!
WHO IS SICK?
AH NO, ABOUT THAT
SO SHOU-SAN IS ALSO TAKING A NAP RIGHT NOW.
OH, ABOUT YOUR COAT I WASHED THE DIRT OFF IT A WHILE AGO, SO IT'S STILL A BIT DAMP
But I think it doesn't smell anymore
BY THE WAY, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE RICE SUPPLY JUST BEFORE
IT WAS A REAL LIFE-SAVER
ARE YOU HAVING SUCH A HARD TIME?
AND THEN, SHOU-SAN... SAID TO TELL YOU "LEAVE ME ALONE".
.....!
I THINK THIS IS WHERE WE NEED TO HANG IN
I'M SURE THAT IF WE ALL COMBINE OUR STRENGTHS TOGETHER, WE'LL MANAGE SOMEHOW.

I THINK EVERYONE MUST BE FEELING DISCOURAGED
EVEN IF SHOU-SAN SAID THAT, PLEASE DROP BY AGAIN
I CAN'T THINK OF SOMETHING BUT IF IT'S ALRIGHT WITH YOU,
PLEASE DROP BY AGAIN
IS THERE ANY WAY I CAN HELP YOU?
UNDERSTOOD
THAT'S HOW I'D LIKE TO BE, SO I'M TRYING MY BEST TO
THEY CALL YOU THE RED DEMON, SO I WAS THINKING THAT YOU'D BE A SCARIER PERSON
BUT YOU'RE SO KIND I'M GLAD

..WHY AM I GETTING DISAP-POINTED?
EVEN THOUGH HE WAS SO PUSHY JUST BEFORE, HE'S GIVEN UP ALREADY!?
"LEAVE ME ALONE", HE SAID!?
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spin
spin
NO, THAT'S NOT IT, I CAN'T BE DISAP-POINTED..
I'M ISHIKAWA SUIOU."
"WE MOVED HERE FROM NIHONBASHI

"KISS MY FEET AND LICK MY CROTCH!"
AN UPROAR WITH A LOVERS SUICIDE INCIDENT WITH HIS SISTER'S HUSBAND...
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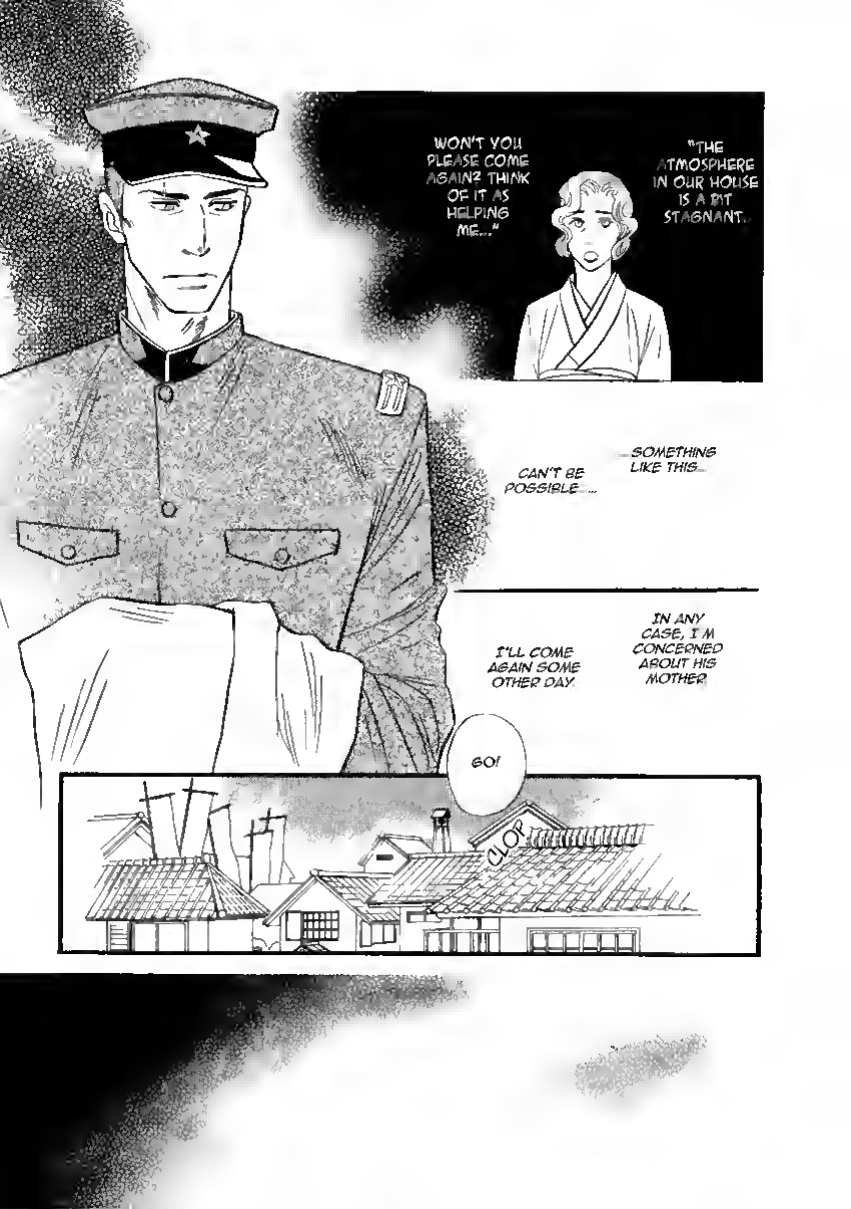
"THE ATMOSPHERE IN OUR HOUSE IS A BIT STAGNANT.
WON'T YOU PLEASE COME AGAIN? THINK OF IT AS HELPING ME..."
...SOMETHING LIKE THIS...
CAN'T BE POSSIBLE...
IN ANY CASE, I'M CONCERNED ABOUT HIS MOTHER.
I'LL COME AGAIN SOME OTHER DAY.
GO!

YOU'RE CUTE, CHOIJI... IS IT REALLY YOUR FIRST TIME WITH A MAN?
...WHO DID YOU ASK?
I WAS TOLD YOUR BROTHER IS A WHORE, BUT WHAT ABOUT YOU...?
EVEN IF I DON'T ASK, THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO'LL COME FORTH AND TELL ME.
DON'T INSULT MY BROTHER!
I FEEL SORRY FOR YOU HAVING TO SELL YOUR BODY FOR THE SAKE OF A BROTHER LIKE THAT.
NOW THEN, LET'S SEE FOR HOW LONG YOU'LL BE ABLE TO MAKE SUCH BOLD REMARKS...

jolt!
I'M AT HOME...?
BIG BROTHER...
COULD I HAVE BEEN FOUND OUT BECAUSE OF THE SMELL?
SHIT... I SHOULD HAVE WASHED UP BEFORE GOING TO SLEEP, EVEN IF I'D HAVE TO FORCE MYSELF
WHAT TIME IS IT NOW? I WONDER IF YOSHI-SAN HAS ALREADY SENT THE GOODS TO SANKIROU

MY BACK HURTS...
SO IT'S SO HARD TO ACCEPT A MAN?
"IN EXCHANGE, YOUR PAYMENT WILL BE 20 TIMES."
I'LL TALK IT OVER WITH THE BOSS."
"I'M GONNA BUY 200 YEN WORTH OF YOUR MERCHANDISE FOR SANKIROU, AS LOUNGEWEAR FOR THE CUSTOMERS
DAMN THAT HORSE-LIKE BASTARD
NO, IT MUST BE BECAUSE IWAGO'S IS EXCEPTIONALLY HUGE
WAY TO GO, BIG BROTHER!

SHUD
DER
SOMETHING LIKE THAT...
IF IT'S FOR MY BROTHER'S SAKE
19... NO, 20 OR SO...
SELLING ONE'S BODY TO RAISE MONEY ISN'T PARTICULARLY UNUSUAL EITHER...
19... MORE TIMES...
"HE'S ONE OF THE MOST FAMOUS FIGURES AROUND HERE.
HE'S DARK SKINNED, SO HE'S CALLED 'BLACK DEMON'"...
"BLACK DEMON" IWAGO HIJI...? THE BODYGUARD OF YOSHIWARA'S SANKIROU...

"I'VE TAKEN A LIKING TO YOU!"
EXCEPT FOR MY BROTHER, I'VE NEVER SEEN SUCH AN EYE-CATCHING MAN UP 'TIL NOW
HE HAS AN EXTRAORDINARILY LARGE PHYSIQUE AND HIS FACIAL RELIEF IS UNUSUAL FOR A JAPANESE
THERE'S TALK HE MIGHT HAVE SOUTHERN ORIGINS, SO COULD HE BE FROM AROUND NAGASAKI? MAYBE THERE IS FOREIGN BLOOD MIXED IN HIS
IF I COULD USE HIM WELL, IT WOULD BE AN IMAGE UP FOR OUR KIMONO
COULDN'T HE BECOME A MODEL TOO...?

HIS OBSCURE TASTES AND THE FACT THAT HE DOESN'T LIKE BEING MAINSTREAM ARE WELL REFLECTED IN HIS PREFERENCE IN MEN TOO
BUT IT WAS BECAUSE BIG BROTHER'S TALENT WANTS TO IMMEDIATELY HEAD TO POINTLESS DIRECTIONS
SERIOUSLY... IT WAS ME WHO SAID WE SHOULD GO INDEPENDENT FROM TOKIWAYA,
NO, SUCH A YAKUZA-LIKE GUY
IS NO GOOD!
MOREOVER, ALTHOUGH HE HATES BEING TREATED LIKE A WOMAN, HE WANTS TO WEAR WOMEN'S KIMONO
BOTH HIS KIMONO AND HIS DYING TECHNIQUE ARE AMAZING SO IF HE MADE NORMAL YUUZEN* FOR WOMEN, WE COULD MAKE A DECENT LIVING
WHY DOES HE LIKE THE BARBARIAN SECOND LIEUTENANT AND NOT IWAGO?! (WELL, IT'D BE TROUBLESOME IF HE WENT CRAZY FOR IWAGO TOO.)
IF HE DOES SOMETHING BAD, HE'LL TAKE US DOWN WITH HIM.
*Yuuzen is a traditional kimono dying technique
STUPID BIG BROTHER...
"IF THAT'S THE CASE, I'LL CHANGE THE WAYS OF THIS WORLD!"
"WHAT'S WRONG WITH MEN WEARING BEAUTIFUL THINGS?!
I WANT TO WEAR THEM.
IS THAT SO WEIRD!?"

"CHOUJI, TRY THIS ON! IT'S A PROTO-TYPE."
"EH? ME?"
"HOW CUTE"? IT LOOKS BETTER ON YOU THAN ON ME!"
"WHAT DO YOU MEAN 'CUTE'?
STOP CALLING ME THAT."

...I SHOULD GET UP ALREADY
WHAT'S THE TIME
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...CHOUJI? YOU'RE UP?
SORRY, I WOKE YOU UP
NO, I'LL GET UP TOO
Yaaawn~
OUCH
OW

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LL
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ASH
...WHERE DID YOU GO WHILE I WAS ABSENT!?

EVEN THOUGH I TOLD YOU OVER AND OVER TO CUT YOUR TIES WITH YOUR LOVERS, YOU STILL WENT!?
DID YOU
BEG FOR MONEY!?
.....KUH
AND WHERE THE HELL DID YOU GO, CHOUJI!?
YOUR BODY IS SMEARED WITH MARKS AND THE SMELL OF CHESTNUT FLOWERS*!
I WAS THINKING I SHOULD ASK YOU ONCE YOU'D WAKE UP!
WHO WAS YOUR PARTNER!?
...I DON'T WANT TO SAY.
CHOUJI!
SLIDE!
*see notes

YOU'RE UP, YOU TWO?
HURRY UP AND PUT THE BEDDINGS AWAY AND GO HAVE LUNCH ALREADY I'M BUSY HERE TOO

NOTES

Page 7: The Taisho era spanned from July 30, 1912 until December 25, 1926.

Page 11: *Tabi* are traditional Japanese socks separating the big toe from the rest and *zouri* are traditional Japanese sandals.

Page 14: *Fugu* is the Japanese word for pufferfish and the dish prepared from it, normally species of genus Takifugu, Lagocephalus, or Sphoeroides, or porcupinefish of the genus Diodon. Fugu can be lethally poisonous due to its tetrodotoxin; therefore, it must be carefully prepared to remove toxic parts and to avoid contaminating the meat (from wiki).

Oshiroibori tattoos are supposed to be tattoos made with *oshiroi* (white face powder) instead of ink. The design should be invisible on a person with white skin, but when the blood circulation in the area increases and the skin becomes flushed, the design should stand out. According to the Japanese wiki, they do not actually exist.

Page 37: It is said that chestnut flowers smell like semen.

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